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BEGIN SUMMARY: ON AUGUST 12, POLAD'S REACHED AGREEMENT ON THE RELATED QUESTIONS OF THE CSCE/CBM ASPECTS OF AUTUMN FORGE AND THE PRESS RELEASE FOR THIS EXERCISE SERIES. THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE ALSO CONSIDERED AND RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE FOR EXERCISE DEEP EXPRESS. THESE POLAD'S CONCLUSIONS WILL NOW COME BEFORE THE NAC FOR APPROVAL BY COB ON THURSDAY, 14 AUGUST, UNDER THE SILENCE PROCEDURE. POLAD'S ALSO ACHIEVED A MEASURE OF PROGRESS IN COORDINATION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF OTHER ASPECTS OF CSCE/CBMS. END SUMMARY.

2. ON AUGUST 12, NATO POLITICAL COMMITTEE REACHED FOLLOWING
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CONCLUSIONS:

A) AUTUMN FORGE PRESS RELEASE - TO RECOMMEND TO THE NAC FOR APPROVAL BY THE SILENCE PROCEDURE THE

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E) EXCHANGE OF OBSERVERS - FRG REP (CITRON) SUGGESTED THAT ALLIES PROCEED WITH COORDINATION ON EXCHANGE OF OBSERVERS BY CONSIDERING A PROPOSED DRAFT INVITATION RATHER THAN BY CONTINUING "THEORETICAL" WORK ON ISD/94. AS HIS GOVERNMENT HAD PROVIDED THE DRAFT MANEUVER NOTIFICATION, HE ASKED WHETHER ANOTHER ALLY MIGHT UNDERTAKE TO DRAFT AN INVITATION TO MANEUVER OBSERVERS. US REP AGREED TO ASK WASHINGTON WHETHER THE US COULD PROVIDE SUCH A DRAFT.

2. COMMENT: DESPITE OUR EFFORTS TO MAKE THE COMPROMISE ON CSCE NOTIFICATION OF AUTUMN FORGE AS PALATABLE AS POSSIBLE TO FRANCE, PARIS CHOSE TO GO ITS SEPARATE ROUTE. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT COORDINATION ON THIS ISSUE AT THE LEVEL OF 15 WAS PREFERABLE TO CONTAINING THE MATTER IN THE DPC. PRIMARY FRENCY CONCERN APPARENTLY HAS BEEN TO SEEK TO MODIFY THE DIPLOMATIC AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROCEDURES TO AS NOT TO JEOPARDIZE PARTICIPATION OF FRENCH FORCES IN NATO-RELATED MANEUVERS, AND CLEARLY THE FRENCH NATO DELEGATION WAS UNDER CLOSE PARIS SUPERVISION ON THIS MATTER.

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3. CONCERNING EXERCISE DEEP EXPRESS, DURING POLADS MEETINGS ON AUGUST 11 AND AUGUST 12, THERE WAS AMPLE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE GREEK REPRESENTATIVE, WHO WAS PRESENT THROUGHOUT, TO EXPRESS ANY RECOMMENDATIONS OR RESERVATIONS HE WISHED. BY SILENCE, ATHENS HAS IN EFFECT AGREED (A) TO THE MENTIONING OF

DEEP EXPRESS IN THE AUTUMN FORGE RELEASE AND (B) TO THE RECOMMENDATION THAT THE NAC APPROVE THE PRESS RELEASE OF EXERCISE DEEP EXPRESS. MOREOVER, THE GREEK REP DID NOT OBJECT WHEN THE TURKISH REP ASKED THE COUNTRIES WITH FORCES PARTICIPATING IN DEEP EXPRESS TO UNDERTAKE VOLUNTARY PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF THE EXERCISE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF CSCE/CBM'S. WE BELIEVE OTHER ALLIES CONSIDER THIS COURSE OF CONDUCT AS EVIDENCE THAT ATHENS HAS RECONSIDERED ANY INTENTIONS IT MAY HAVE HAD TO RAISE IMPEDIMENTS TO THE CONDUCT OF EXERCISE DEEP EXPRESS, INCLUDING ITS AEGEAN PORTION.

4. A) WE LOOK FORWARD TO GUIDANCE REQUESTED REF A, INCLUDING A US DRAFT INVITATION TO OBSERVERS; B) WE REQUEST GUIDANCE BY OOB AUGUST 14 ON WHETHER THE UNITED STATES CAN AGREE, IF OTHER PARTICIPANTS DO, TO VOLUNTEER CSCE/CBM PRIOR-NOTIFICATION OF EXERCISE DEEP EXPRESS; C) WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE ON GENERAL QUESTION OF IMPLEMENTATION OF CSCE CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES.

5. POLADS NEXT MEETING ON THESE SUBJECTS WILL BE ON EITHER AUGUST 14 OR AUGUST 18, DEPENDING UPON AVAILABILITY OF INSTRUCTIONS. AUGUST 15 IS A NATO HOLIDAY.
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